

**Congressman Jim Moran's
2014 Annual Women's Issues Conference
Saturday, September 13, 2014
Washington-Lee High School
Arlington, VA**

PANELIST AND SPEAKER BIOS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Neera Tanden is the President of the Center for American Progress (CAP), and Counselor to the Center for American Progress Action Fund. She has expertise in healthcare and domestic policy, and with her expertise, she was on the team working on President Obama's health reform team as a senior advisor, and with President Obama's and Fmr. Secretary of State Clinton's campaigns as policy director for both presidential campaigns. Tanden has appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," ABC's "This Week," CBS's "Face the Nation," "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," MSNBC, CNN, and Fox. She was named one of the "Most Influential Women in Washington" by *National Journal* and received the India Abroad Publisher's Award for Excellence in 2011. Tanden was recently included on Elle magazine's "Women in Washington Power List" and recognized as one of *Fortune* magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Politics." She received her bachelor of science from UCLA and her law degree from Yale Law School.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES



Laurina Strikwerda is a Program Officer at Freedom House, where she oversees projects focused on gender equality and human rights in the Middle East North Africa region. Prior to joining Freedom House, she spent four years at Search for Common Ground, where she was a Coordinator in its Muslim-Western dialogue program and Managing Editor of its Common Ground News Service, a weekly distribution service of constructive opinion articles on Islam and Muslim-non-Muslim relations in six languages.

BUILDING YOUR NETWORK AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL BRAND



Amanda Miller Littlejohn is a top nationally recognized expert on personal branding. She is also the founder of Washington, DC based PR firm Mopwater Social PR. Amanda has spoken to groups of business owners, students and women on personal branding, public relations and social media. As a coach, she helps you build your brand, pursue your passions and package your genius so you can share it with the world.



Dana Taylor is CEO of Intelligent Ethos, Inc. Intelligent Ethos serves small and mid-sized businesses in fields such as change management, data consulting, engineering & technology, events management, and market research. Dana was honored by the Virginia Leadership Institute as a 2013 Top 10 Under 40, young African-Americans raising the bar in their professions and the community. Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering. She resides in Alexandria, VA.

GETTING TO EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE



Amanda Andere is the CEO of Wider Opportunities for Women. A national organization focused on advocacy, research, and policy to build pathways to economic security and equality of opportunity. In 2012, Amanda was honored by NoVA Magazine as Northern Virginian of the Year and by the Fairfax County Chamber as Emerging Influential.



Stacey Montez is the chief operating officer of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and oversees its day-to-day operations at National Headquarters. She also represents the sorority in the nation's capital and across the country. She is an Emmy awarding television producer and a seasoned publicist specializing in corporate, philanthropic and strategic communications for high tech companies and universities.

PERFECT YOUR INTERVIEWING SKILLS IN 50 MINUTES



Sandy Smith is the Transition Services Manager of the Arlington Employment Center providing career coaching and counseling for mid-career and senior individuals searching for employment. She is a certified career counselor, trainer, fundraiser, evaluator, and published author, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Communication and a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Florida.

Liane H. Gould has worked over 20 years as a "Career Thought Leader" and as a certified career coach working to solidify a vibrant workforce. Currently employed with Arlington County managing the Adult Services Division, she is assisting hundreds of job seekers and employers with career/talent management. Ms. Gould holds a Master's Degree in Business Management from Lesley University.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT?



Jessica Killeen is also a Health Care Navigator with ENROLL Virginia. She is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School and James Madison University. She graduated from the University Of Maryland Francis King Carey School Of Law in May 2013. Jessica's passion for healthcare runs in the family, and loves to help citizens navigate the Affordable Care Act.



Professor Taylor Burke is an Assistant Professor of Health Law and Policy in the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. He also serves as the Managing Director of the MPH in Health Policy program. Professor Burke's research focuses primarily on the many complex legal issues that lie at the heart of health information collection and use in today's emerging HIT environment. Professor Burke serves on the board of directors of L'Arche Greater Washington DC, an organization that provides housing and individualized support services to low-income people with intellectual disabilities. He has his Juris Doctor from the American University College of Law in 1999.

Carlton Ocel is a Health Care Navigator with ENROLL Virginia. She is also a member of the Virginia State Bar. She is from Norfolk, Virginia and lives in Alexandria with her husband. Carlton obtained her undergraduate degree from Duke University and graduated from the University Of Richmond School Of Law in 2012.

CAR CARE

Roy Krebs started on car repair in 1969, part time and full time to pay for college. Roy has been an ASE Master Diagnostic Technician for over 15 years, a Toyota Master Diagnostic Technician for over 15 years and certified as a Motorcycle technician for over 20 years. He has worked at Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota for over 20 years and is currently the Shop Foreman.